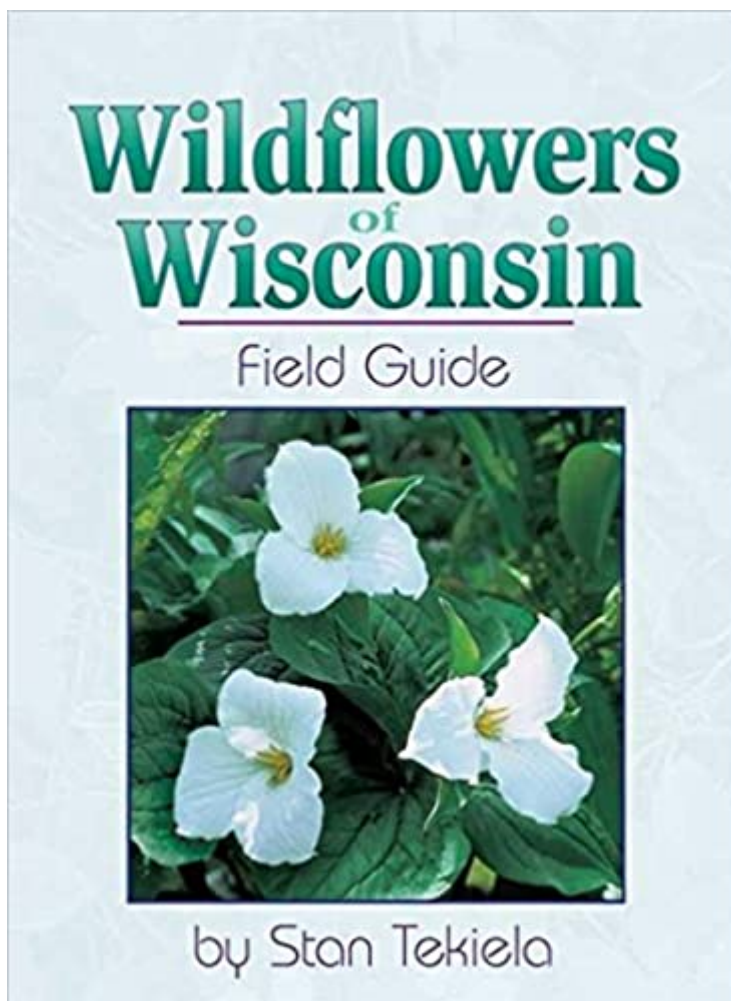


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# Wildflowers Of Wisconsin



## Synopsis

You've seen Wisconsin's beautiful wildflowers. Now learn to identify them. This is your field guide to 200 of Wisconsin's wildflowers. Full-page photographs and an easy-to-read format present the information that's critical to accurate identification. And the species are organized by color, so when you see a purple flower, simply turn to the purple section of the book. Wildflower identification has never been easier!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Below, I've compared 10 different flower/plant ID books. My review of this book is #1 in the list of books below. My rating reflects how easy I think it is to use this book to look up and find an unknown flower. The number of pages I've listed do not include the appendix, glossary, bibliography, or index. For me to rate a "flower ID book" as a full 5 stars, it must have the following attributes: A. It is ordered by color. B. The edges of the pages are color coded to make it easy to find the color of flower you want. C. If a flower comes in more than one main color, it is included in each of the appropriate color sections. D. At least 1/2 page of text is provided to describe the overall plant, its leaves, its seeds/fruits, its flowers, petals, and when the flowers typically bloom. E. A range map for where the plant is likely to be found. F. One or more full pages of photos that show ... a. the full plant in perspective to judge its size, b. photos of various stages of the plant's life, c. a close up of its flower(s), d. a close up of its (various) leaves, e. a close up of its fruits/pods/seeds, f. If the plant has a close look-alike, then name those look-alikes and provide a description of the differences and

side-by-side photos that point out these differences. None of the following books have all of the above qualities. 1. "Wildflowers of Wisconsin" -- 4.5\* (C)2000 by Stan Tekiela -- 200 species -- 6"H x 4-3/8"W x 3/4"D -- 401 pages. Ordered by colors with page edges colored for easy use. Usually 1 left full-page photo with text on right page giving details about the flower, leaf, fruit/seed, and overall plant and blooming time details. Occasional photo inset showing the flower, fruit, or leaf. 2.

"Wildflowers in the Field and Forest" -- 3.5\* (C)2006 by Stephen Clemants & Carol Gracie -- 1450 species -- 8-1/4"H x 5-1/2"W x 1"D -- 399 pages. Ordered by colors. The page edges are not colored but a color bar is found 1/4" inside of the left-hand page. 6-8 photos of different plants on the right with brief text describing each plant on the left-hand page, often leaving out crucial details like number of petals. Photos sometimes require use of a magnifying glass to see the detail. Some (not enough) photos have 1/2" inset showing the leaf, but this is much too small to discern any detail. Many photos do not show the overall plant, or they show a distant view of the overall plant with no detail of what the flower or leaf looks like. Includes a range map with color coded bloom range date. 3. "National Audubon Society - Field Guide to North American Wildflowers - Eastern Region" -- 3.5\* (C)1995 by William A. Niering and Nancy C. Olmstead -- 700 species -- 7-1/2"H x 4"W x 1-3/8"D -- 826 pages. Ordered by colors. The page edges are not colored but a color bar is found just inside of the left-hand page. 2 or 3 photos of different plants are shown on each of the photo pages, typically 3. Text describing each plant is in a separate section after all of the photos. Only one photo is provided for each flower. Photos sometimes require use of a magnifying glass to see the detail. Many photos do not show the overall plant, or they show a distant view of the overall plant with no detail of what the flower or leaf looks like. The text section includes range maps. The text section also contains another 300+ entries for which there were no photos. 4. "Wildflowers and Ferns of Indiana Forests" -- 3\* (C)2012 by Michael A. Homoya -- nearly 300 species -- 8-1/4"H x 4-1/4"W x 7/8"D -- 416 pages. Typically 1 page per species (some more, some less). Text description followed by photo on same or next page. Many photos contain inset showing leaf, seed, fruit, or closeup of flower. Ordered by flower color with page edges colored for easy use. Flower section is preceded by sections on ferns and woody vines (some with flowers), and followed by a section on grasses. 5. "Wildflowers Grasses & Other Plants - of the Northern Plains and Black Hills" -- 3\* (C)1992 by Theodore Van Bruggen -- 312 species -- 10"H x 7"W x 1/4"D -- 107 pages.

Typically 3 species per page. The text description is beside the plant's photo on the same page. Many of the photos show the flower without showing any of the leaves. Some photos show a distant plant so no details of the flower are visible. Ordered by flower color with the edges of the pages color coded to make the flowers easy to find. 6. "Peterson Field Guides - Wildflowers - Northeastern/

Northcentral North America" -- 3\* (C)1968 by Roger Tory Peterson & Margaret McKenny -- 1344 species -- 7-1/8" x 4-1/2" x 7/8" -- 394 pages. Typically 6 to 10 species for each 2 page spread. A paragraph of text on the left-hand page describes the corresponding species drawn on the right-hand page. There are no photos -- just drawings. Very few of the drawings are in color. Often there is insufficient detail to discern between similar-looking species. Important plant attributes have arrows pointing to that attribute in the drawing. Some of the drawing pages are overly crowded with too many species. Ordered by colors, but only the first few pages have the color on the page edges.

7. "Weeds of the West" -- 3\* (C)1996 by Tom D. Whitson, and 6 others -- 300 species -- 9"H x 6"W x 1-3/8"D -- 601 pages. Typically 2 pages per species. The first page is a full page photo. The second page is a text description followed by 2 smaller photos showing details of the plant. Not all of the plants have obvious flowers. Since it is not ordered by flower color, there is no easy way to look up an unknown flower, but the photos are great ! If you find a close match in some other flower ID book, you could use the index in this book to find better photos to verify your result.

8. "Forest Plants of the Southeast and Their Wildlife Uses" -- 2.5\* (C)2005 by James H. & Karl V. Miller -- 182+ species -- 9-1/4"H x 6-1/4"W x 7/8"D -- 415 pages. Typically 2 pages per genus. The text description on the left-hand page is followed by 1 or more photos on the right-hand page. Ordered by plant type (broadleaf herbs, grasses, woody, shrubs, etc.) and ordered by genus within the type. Each entry contains 1 or more species but not necessarily all of the species within that genus. Photos frequently include the plant in various stages of the plant's life, or closeups of plant parts. I rated this book higher than my usual because of this. Since it is not ordered by flower color, there is no easy way to look up an unknown flower. If you find a close match in some other ID book, you could use the index in this book to find better photos to verify your result. The author doesn't seem to know the difference between Wood Sorrel and Sheep Sorrel on pages 138-139 -- Sheep Sorrel is listed again on page 164.

9. "Newcomb's Wildflower Guide" -- 2\* (C)1977 by Lawrence Newcomb -- 1375 species -- 7-3/4"H x 4-3/4"W x 3/4"D -- 463 pages. Typically 6 to 10 species for each 2 page spread. A paragraph of text on the left-hand page may describe one of the species drawn on the right-hand page. Some paragraphs have no corresponding drawing. There are no photos -- just drawings. Very few of the drawings are in color. Often there is insufficient detail to discern between similar-looking species. Not ordered by color, so extremely difficult to locate an unknown flower unless you know everything about the plant's leaves, etc.

10. "Field Guide to Indiana Wildflowers" -- 2\* (C)2000 by Kay Yatshievych -- 1564 species -- 8-1/2"H x 5-1/2"W x 7/8"D -- 318 pages. 5 to 8 species descriptions per page. 0 to 4 photos per page with the text description on the same page (not all species have a photo), with 2-3 photos being typical on each page. Not all photos show the leaf.

Few photos show fruit or seed. Not all photos show the flower very clearly. Not ordered by flower color and thus no easy way to look up an unknown flower.

I have a wall-sized bookshelf full of nature guides to help in identification of all sorts of organisms that I photograph in the Northern Illinois area, and this is surely one of the best for identification of the 200 most common wildflowers of the region (including some weedier and invasive species). The photos are relatively big and well-selected to represent the described plants. The book is thick, but compact enough to carry in the field. This book would be a great guide for families and amateurs who know nothing about wildflower identification, but it's also useful to people with a bit of expertise. The guide provides brief information on the plant family, height, flower and leaf characteristics, fruit, blooming season, life cycle and origin, habitat, range, and "Stan's notes." Stan Tekiela is the author. I didn't notice anything particularly bad about the quality of the binding -- which at least one other reviewer has had problems with -- so maybe that's an isolated occurrence. Having worked for fifteen years in graphics and printing industries, I suspect a bad run made it through the bindery at some point. If you happen upon any improperly bound book sold through , be sure to return it for refund or replacement. Nobody makes returns easier.

Bought this as a present for my wife who loves to go on the Wisconsin trails and photograph nature. Although it may also be great for an expert, it's perfect for a nature lover who wants to learn a little bit about Wisconsin's Wildflowers. The best thing about it is that it is useful as a field book...one page the photo...the opposite, a summary with some information about the flower...just enough to be interesting...not too much to overwhelm. Although I've read in earlier review that there may be a challenge with the binding being inadequate over time...it does not show signs of it yet (Even if it does later have problems, sounds like it could be easily fixed...and the benefit far outweighs this potential minor flaw) In my opinion the book should fetch far more money than it does!

Very helpful book. Makes it easy to identify most of the wildflowers I come across. Only thing I didn't like is most flowers come in more than one color and it goes by the most common one, making figuring some flowers out tricky. But the book came fast and was new.

Wonderful little volume with clear pictures and interesting info. It is printed on good quality paper so ends up being kinda heavy for taking on a hike. Still, I will do just that!

I really like this book! I love the pictures...they are close up and vibrant. The author does a great job at describing the flower and it's identifying features. This book can be enjoyed by anyone, adult or child, student or otherwise. I also appreciate the small size which is easily tucked away for transportation purposes.

We have quite a few of these field guides for various different things. I like these particular guides because it provides great, clear pictures so it's easy to identify what you are looking at. And the information that is provided is very detailed and informational. It helps identify things that you may find in the wild and helps you determine what kinds of plants you can grow in your area. Helpful reference guide to have on hand.

I hope every state has this book. It's so cool to be able to turn to a color and find the flower name!!

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